

attempting to form a connection in an ATM network satisfying original quality of service requirements of a UPC associated with the circuits;

rejecting the formation of the circuit due to resources of the ATM network not being available to meet the original quality of service requirements of the circuit;

relaxing automatically the quality of service requirements of the circuit; and

creating the circuit in the ATM network subject to the relaxed quality of service requirements.

Please add the following claim.

15. A method as described in Claim 14 wherein the attempting step includes the step of attempting to form the connection of an SPVx circuit.